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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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YUKARI TODA, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/931,890)	
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Filed: August 20, 2001)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above-identified application on July 30, 2004. In lieu of paying the Issue and Publication Fees at this time, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith. Prior to continued examination on merits, please further amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks are at page 24.